REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the herein contained amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

By this amendment, claim 1 will have been amended to eliminate a minor inadvertent typographic error. In particular "sad" will have been changed to "said" as obviously intended.

Although this amendment is being submitted after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance and although amendments may not be made as a matter of right after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, Applicant submits that the entry of the herein contained amendment is appropriate to afford Applicant the scope of protection to which he is intitled and to eliminate a mirror error. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to exercise his discretion and to indicate the entry of the herein contained amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

The changes introduced by the amendment contained above do not continue the prosecution of the application after the Notice of Allowance and do not substantially change the scope of the claims. Rather, this amendment merely eliminate a minor error from the claim language. Accordingly, it is submitted that this amendment is proper for entry at the present time.

The above amendment further does not require additional work on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office. The Examiner has already considered the reasons for patentability of the present invention and no new issues are raised by the above amendment.

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner exercise his discretion and approve the present amendment to for entry the claims. Entry of the above amendment is believe to be appropriate and is respectfully requested from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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